

AMERICANS HELPED TO SMASH THRUST MADE BY GERMANS IN APREMONT FOREST, DRIVING ENEMY OUT IN COUNTER-ATTACK

Allies Regain Hangard Village and Cemetery in Splendid Counter-Attacks Delivered at the Southern End of the Great Battlefront

ON NORTHERN END OF BATTLELINE GERMANS LOST NEAR MERVILLE

Near Festubert Haig's Men Countered and Gained a Minor Success, Also Capturing a Few Prisoners, Heavy Fighting Near Neuve Engise

FOE REELS BACK GERMAN DRIVE ON SOMME LINE ON LOCON FAILS

Allies Have Retaken Important Points Gained by the Kaiser's Masses in the Initial Drive of His Great Offensive During Month of March

Paris, April 13.—The Germans last night renewed attacks on French positions in the Brule wood, in the forest of Apremont. "American troops, in conjunction with the French," says today's official statement, "broke the majority of the enemy attacks. At one point where the enemy obtained a footing, he was thrown out by a counter attack. On the Somme battle front, the entire village of Hangard and the adjoining cemetery have been regained from the Germans."

"BACK TO THE WALL"

Haig Calls on His Men to Stand the Final Test.

London, April 13.—Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig in a special order of the day addressed to "all ranks of the British army in France and Flanders," says: "Three weeks ago today the enemy began his terrible attacks against us on a fifty-mile front. His objects are to separate us from the French, to take the channel ports and to destroy the British army."

"In spite of throwing, already, one hundred and six divisions into the battle and enduring the most reckless sacrifices of human life, he has yet made little progress towards his goals."

"We owe this to the determined fighting and self-sacrifice of our troops. Words fail me to express the admiration which I feel for the splendid resistance offered by all ranks of our army under the most trying circumstances."

"Many amongst us now are tired. To those I would say that victory will belong to the side which holds out the longest. The French army is moving rapidly and in great force to our support. There is no other course open to us but to fight it out."

"Every position must be held to the last man. There must be no retirement. With our backs to the wall and believing in the justice of our cause each one of us must fight to the end. The safety of our homes and the freedom of mankind depend alike upon the conduct of each one of us at this critical moment."

HAIG'S NIGHT REPORT.

Told of Strong Enemy Pressure Near Baillieu.

London, April 13.—Field Marshal Haig's report from headquarters in France last night says: "Strong pressure has been maintained by the enemy all day south and south-west of Baillieu. Constant attacks in great force were made in this area and are continuing."

"Our troops have been pushed back slowly in continuous fighting to positions in the neighborhood of the Baillieu railway, where they are heavily engaged with the enemy."

"Sharp fighting occurred also on other parts of the battle front north of La Bassée canal and the enemy made slight progress between the Lawe and Clarence rivers."

"At other points our positions have been maintained. On the remainder of the British front the position is unchanged."

"Over 110 German divisions so far have been engaged since the morning of March 21, and over 40 of these have been thrown into the battle two or three times."

DECLARE LETTER FALSE.

Vienna Newspapers Say Emperor Charles' Real Letter Won't Be Published.

Geneva, Friday, April 12.—Vienna newspapers declare the letter of Emperor Charles to Prince Sixtus, as given out by the French government, is a false version, and say the real text never will be published.

DOUBLE RAID BY GERMANS

Only Four Airships Penetrated into Interior of England

ATTACK IN PARIS NETTED 61 CASUALTIES

Four Houses Were Demolished in One Town in England

London, April 13.—Four German airships penetrated England during last night's raid, it was officially stated today, after the statement had been given out last night that only one or two machines had gone inland from the east coast. Most of the bombs were dropped in the open country. Apart from the demolition of four houses at one place, the damage so far reported is inconsiderable. One of the raiding machines penetrated almost the northwest coast.

GERMAN STAR AVIATOR DEAD.

Lieut. Buddecke Only Recently Received Honor from Kaiser.

Amsterdam, April 13.—A Berlin telegram announces the death in aerial combat of Flight-Lieutenant Buddecke, one of the "star" German aviators. He received the Pour-le-Merite from the emperor a few weeks ago.

Buddecke was heard from as a member of the German military commission in Constantinople, and he may have been killed in Palestine.

BRITISH RAILWAY CENTERS IN DANGER

"The Situation is Undoubtedly Unpleasant," Declares Major Maurice as He Tells of the German Advance.

London, April 13.—"A definite crisis again has been reached," Major F. B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the war office, declared last night. "The situation is undoubtedly unpleasant," he added; "the enemy is within a short distance of Baillieu, which is an important railway center for feeding our Messines-Wytschaete front. He is also advancing in the direction of Mazedouk, which is a very important railway center."

ALLIES REJECTED CHARLES' OFFER

Paris Newspaper Declares That Austria-Hungary Proposals to France Were Not Acceptable.

Paris, April 13.—A letter written by Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary to Prince Sixtus of Bourbon, outlining the means by which France might attain peace, was upon its receipt immediately communicated to all of France's allies, says Petit Parisien. It was unanimously decided, the newspaper adds, at an inter-allied conference, held shortly afterward, that there was no occasion to act on the emperor's suggestion.

ENGLAND NEEDS BUT 7 PER CENT OF NEW DRAFT

Remaining 93 Per Cent. of the Men Will Continue in Civil Life This Year.

Ottawa Ont., April 13.—Sir Auckland Geddes, in the House of Commons on Wednesday night, according to Reuters dispatch from London, intimated that only seven per cent. of the men affected under the new man-power act would be required this year, and that the remaining 93 per cent. would continue in civil life.

If three or four years were cut off, said Sir Auckland, the same number of men would be taken from a smaller quota and be less fit physically on the average. Engineers were reported by the speaker to be "streaming" to the colors.

To Commemorate America's First Normal School.

Concord, April 13.—The students of the graduating class are rehearsing for a pageant to be given in May in commemoration of the establishment in this town 85 years ago the first normal school in America. The school was started by Rev. Dr. S. R. Hall, a noted editor of school books two generations ago. Dr. Hall used in this school the first blackboard ever used in a schoolroom and also invented the blackboard eraser.

prisoners, who were subsequently killed by French artillery fire.

"According to information so far received, the total booty captured in the battle of Arras amounts to 20,000 prisoners, including one English and one Portuguese general and more than 200 guns. The conquest of swamped crater fields in and before our positions of departure on April 9 made the greatest demands on troops of all arms in the front-most lines. In their success the pioneers, equipment, troops and rear division have an outstanding share of credit."

FORGERY ALLEGED.

D. O. F. Rittell, a Wheelock Farmer, Under Arrest.

St. Johnsbury, April 13.—D. O. Rittell, a Wheelock farmer, was arrested at Hardwick Friday by order of State's Attorney Campbell on the charge of forgery and brought to St. Johnsbury for his hearing. He waived examination and was bound over to the June term of the Caledonia county court with bail fixed at \$1,000. Bail was furnished and he returned to his home in Wheelock, where he has a wife and four children.

The state claims that Rittell bought a bill of goods in a Hardwick store tendering in payment a check for \$11.51, drawn on W. H. Rogers by F. M. Gray. The check was on a local bank and no one knows these men. The check had four endorsements, one being a well-known Hardwick business man and the last name O. D. Bartlett. The check was pronounced worthless by the bank and Bartlett denies the charge. The state's attorney not only has the bogus check, but is understood to have copies in the same handwriting to be produced when the trial occurs next summer.

NOT CALLED YET.

And Exemption Board Does Not Know When Alexander Will Be Called.

Lincoln, Neb., April 13.—A statement last night from the clerk of the Howard county exemption board says that Grover Cleveland Alexander, the star pitcher of the Chicago National league club, had not been notified that he must enter the service of the government for the war under the second draft. He said the Howard county exemption board does not itself yet know whether Alexander will be called or when he will be called.

OVER ONE-SIXTH OF LIBERTY LOAN IS SUBSCRIBED

Reports Submitted By Federal Reserve Banks To-day Showed a Total of \$539,426,100 Toward the Three Billion Minimum.

Washington, D. C., April 13.—Subscriptions to the third Liberty loan reported to the federal reserve banks to-day totaled \$539,426,100, more than one-sixth of the minimum amount sought by Secretary McAdoo.

REPORTED MISSING.

Capt. Robert M. Deming of Burlington Named in List.

Burlington, April 13.—Mrs. Robert M. Deming, formerly Miss Lolla Smith, of South Willard street, yesterday received a telegram from Washington, D. C., making the brief announcement that her husband, Captain Deming of the medical corps in the British army, was "reported missing in action on the French front March 21." She received the day before a letter from her husband saying that he was going to the front line and that he was glad to have an opportunity to serve in action. This was dated March 16. The announcement that he is reported missing is all that can be learned through official channels.

Captain Deming was graduated from the medical college in the class of 1916. His home was in Ballston Spa, N. Y., and his mother, Mrs. Mabel Deming of Ballston Spa, in addition to his wife, are his only near relatives.

AMERICAN CASUALTIES.

Contain Names of 51, Five Killed in Action.

Washington, D. C., April 13.—Yesterday's casualty list contains 51 names, five of them killed in action, three died of wounds, two died of accident, six died of disease, four wounded severely, 28 wounded slightly and three missing in action.

The three missing were Lieutenants Robert H. Jeffrey, Samuel Miller and Abraham Strauss.

Among the wounded slightly were Captains Marvin Cappel and Woodrow Woodbridge and Lieut. William J. Miele.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Mrs. James McDonald and daughter returned to their home on Merchant street this forenoon, after being at the City hospital for some time.

Harry B. McLeod, formerly engaged as a draughtsman in a local granite office, writes friends here that he is stationed at the naval station in Newport, R. I., although he has been assigned to a ship and expects his transfer at once. Mr. McLeod speaks most favorably of his experiences as one of Uncle Sam's jackies.

The body of Albert S. Jones, who died recently in Phoenix, Ariz., and which is on its way to Barre, has not yet arrived and no arrangements for the funeral have been made until it does. Therefore, the funeral will not be held to-morrow, as announced in Friday's Times, but if possible an announcement will be made in the paper when the funeral is to take place.

According to present indications, Barre will have to look to Spaulding and Goddard for its baseball this season, for when the two schools close it is unlikely that there will be any team left in the local field. Even though an attempt should be made to revive semi-professional baseball in Barre this year, it is argued that the team would undoubtedly stand alone, as the war and other causes are bound to reduce the number of teams conveniently near by. The Barre A. C. composed of B. A. C. and I. A. C. players, may be rehabilitated temporarily for the purpose of playing a few early-season games with Goddard seminary, but it is realized that an attempt to maintain a club throughout the summer with no other teams in Vermont to play with would be costly. The Berlin street grounds, scene of many red-hot diamond encounters, has been a few days ago grandstand, board fence, etc., and if occasional games should be arranged by the Italian A. C. this summer they will be played at Intersport.

IRISH APPEAL TO PRES. WILSON

Cork Corporation Council Seeks "Protection" from Draft

ULSTER COUNCIL ON THE OTHER SIDE

Upholds the Government's Proposal for Conscription

London, April 13.—The Cork corporation council last night unanimously adopted a resolution against conscription and appealing to President Wilson for "protection."

The Ulster council issued a statement, upholding the government's proposal.

ALDERMAN ROSSI DIED OF PNEUMONIA

Member of City Council from Fifth Ward Had Been Ill for Several Weeks.

Alderman Antonio M. Rossi of the fifth ward, who has been ill with pneumonia, died early this afternoon at his home, 6 High Holborn street.

SOME CASES SETTLED.

Others Continued, Thus Shortening the County Court Term.

The result of the judges going over the docket Thursday and Friday as the different attorneys were at the Washington county courthouse developed the continuance of several of the cases so that the term will be shortened up quite a little. Among the cases continued are: Hunt & Co. vs. Capital Liquor Co.; Hunt & Co. vs. Zanoni; Capital Savings Bank & Trust Co. vs. Lyford & Smith; Snow vs. Allard; Donahue vs. Alman; Emerson vs. Emerson and trustees; Gitchell vs. Cook; Phoenix Machine Co. vs. Young Brothers Co.

Other entries are: F. J. Davis vs. O. J. Wilford; settled; Hyde Park Lumber Co. vs. D. W. Cooley; settled; E. Lowe vs. Henry Bailey; settled; Phillips & Slack vs. Gomez & Higuera Granite Co., judgment for plaintiff; Irene Aja vs. Capital Savings Bank & Trust company; settled; Plainfield vs. Marchfield, judgment for the plaintiff when \$6 has been paid by plaintiff.

30 IDIOTIC BOYS BURNED TO DEATH

Were Inmates of Oklahoma State Hospital at Norma—One Ward of the Institution Was Burned.

Norman, Okla., April 13.—Thirty boys were burned to death when a fire early to-day destroyed a ward at the state hospital for idiotic children.

CUBAN TRADE BOOMING.

Has More Than Doubled in the Past Four Years.

Havana, April 13.—The increase in trade between the United States and Cuba from \$196,000,000 in 1913 to \$445,000,000 last year will be emphasized in an exhibit of Cuban trade at the annual session of the national foreign trade commission of the United States at Cincinnati, O., April 18-20. The great development of trade between the United States and Cuba has given the island a leading position in this respect among the nations of the western hemisphere. Cuba's trade with the United States is declared to exceed by large margin that of Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Mexico. Last year the United States took 75 per cent of Cuba's export and supplied 75 per cent of the island's import. It is expected that the island's trade with the United States will be even greater this year.

MAPLE SUGAR MARKET.

Best Syrup Brings \$2.25 and Ordinary \$2 in Boston.

St. Albans, April 13.—The maple sugar market is reported to-day as follows: Boston, sugar and syrup demand good; market strong; supplies moderate; sugar, light creamy cakes, best 30c, ordinary 27c to 28c, darker 25c; one-pound bricks, best 25c, two-pound 25c, dark 24c; syrup best 82-25, ordinary 82.

Philadelphia, syrup and sugar, no supplies.

New York, sugar and syrup supplies very light; syrup \$1.95 to \$2; sugar, 20c to 24c.

HEN SALE PERMITTED.

After April 19 Licensed Dealers May Resume Traffic.

St. Albans, April 13.—It was announced this morning at the office of the acting food administrator for Vermont that the regulation prohibiting licensed dealers in live or freshly killed hens between Feb. 11 and April 30 had been amended in such a way that the restrictions on such sales will be removed at midnight April 19. After midnight of the 19th trade in live and freshly killed hens may resume its normal course.

One Pound to a Person.

Sugar will be sold in Barre next week one pound to a person on the cards.

SMOOTH AND ENJOYABLE.

Was Spaulding Senior Play, "What Happened to Jones?"

Senior thespians at the Spaulding assembly hall last evening were greeted by one of the largest crowds that have witnessed a senior play at the high school, when the three-act farce, "What Happened to Jones," was presented. The crowd grew to such proportions as the time for the curtain to rise approached that standing room only was available, and it was later decided that the play would be repeated at the Spaulding assembly hall next Friday evening.

The display of the Northern Vermont interscholastic league championship cup, which was recently won by the Spaulding basketball team, together with the basketball which was appropriately lent, gave a pleasing touch to the properties of the play.

The scene for the first act is laid in the home of Mr. Goodly in New York City and throughout the remainder of the play the action takes place in that scene. Seven boys and six girls were assigned to the various parts of the performance and throughout the presentation, humorous incidents and situations made up an entertainment which pleased everyone. The plot of the playlet began to thicken shortly after the curtain rose and from that time on the various incidents tended to round into a presentation, which finally ended with the real identity of Jones and the bishop of Ballarat becoming known. Miss Eva Smith of the high school was in charge of the training of the cast and to her is due a great deal of credit for the presentation of a smooth and delightful performance.

Between the acts Reardon's orchestra vied with the senior actors in winning the applause of the audience, they rendering several selections.

The cast was made up as follows: Ebenezer Goodly, a professor of anatomy, Albert T. Lyon; Mrs. Goodly, his wife, Alice C. Downing; Marjorie, his daughter, engaged to Marjorie W. Fay Mann; Helma, a Swedish servant girl, Marion E. Willey; Cissy, Ebenezer's ward, Madeline N. McDonald; Minerva, Ebenezer's daughter, Mildred F. McGuire; Alvina Starlight, Mrs. Goodly's sister, Vivian K. Marston; Jones, who travels for a hymnbook house, Deane C. Davis; Thomas Holder, a policeman, Alexander Reardon; Anthony Goodly, D. D. bishop of Ballarat, Wendell G. Ahern; William Bibbee, an inmate of the sanatorium, Clarence F. Burke; Henry Fuller, superintendent of the sanatorium, Theron W. Morse.

The furniture for the stage setting was kindly loaned by the B. W. Hooker Co., while the piano was loaned by H. A. Gould.

After the presentation the members of the senior class pleasantly entertained a large number of alumni, undergraduates and a number of Goddard seminary students, dancing being enjoyed until midnight.

TO ACT FOR SMALL TOWNS.

Fuel Administrator to Handle Delivery of Coal.

Owing to the fact that there are some towns in which coal is bought in lots by one man in the town and then distributed among his neighbors, arrangements have been made by H. J. M. Jones, state fuel administrator, to handle the delivery of coal to those towns from the administrator's office direct. These are the towns in that order: Hartland, Londonderry, Rupert, Berlin, Wolcott, Williston, East Montpelier and Newfane.

The fuel administrator has appointed the following additional local fuel committees: Cambridge, Linus Leavens, B. C. Reynolds, James Watson; Roxbury, W. Averill, M. H. Richardson, F. M. Drinkwater; Dorset, E. H. West, John Sheldon, Dr. John Cochran; Pownal, Fred Brown, Dr. E. E. Potter, Daniel Gardner; Williamstown, G. T. McAllister, G. T. Colby, Robert Clouston.

In Cabot, George Gould has been appointed chairman; Pottsville, G. H. Ripley; Canaan, C. G. Taylor; local committees: Ernest J. Spaulding has been appointed to the committee in place of J. S. Flint, resigned; and in Bellows Falls W. C. Belknap in place of Dr. H. Blodgett.

No campaign has as yet been inaugurated in Barre for the third Liberty loan, but it is expected that within a short time a concerted effort will be made to enlist the support of all the people of the community and surrounding territory in the cause. It is said that approximately \$30,000 has been subscribed at the various banks of the city up to this afternoon, all the subscriptions having been made without solicitation on the part of any local committee.

Barre's quota in the third loan is \$200,000, and it is expected that when a canvass is made that amount will be reached and probably surpassed.

VINCITIA WINS TROPHY

Although Badly Beaten By Apollo in the Final Matches.

Although losing all three tournaments at Montpelier last evening, Vincitia club of Barre retains the leadership in the winter series with Apollo club and is, therefore, entitled to retain the trophy for the year. The results last evening were 14 to 7, but as Vincitia was leading previous to that by 22 points it gives a final balance of 16 points to the club.

The results in which were as follows: Averill and Cole of Vincitia beat Lowe and Putnam, 9 to 6; Bell and Leve of Vincitia beat Blanchard and Tupper, 8 to 6; Houston and McKay of Vincitia beat Hanson and Stratton, 7 to 5.

Brooks and Harlow of Apollo beat Ballard and Hutchinson, 9 to 5; Duvall and Temple of Apollo beat Phelps and Small, 6 to 4; Templeton and Bowers of Apollo beat Tracy and Sargent, 11 to 8; Briggs and Keegan of Apollo beat Johnson and Sector, 10 to 7; Callahan and Bailey of Apollo beat Holden and Mackay, 13 to 4; Jayne and Hull of Apollo beat Love and Averill, 9 to 8.

The billiard scores were:

Vincitia.	Apollo.
Davidson.....	71 Huntington.....
Magnus.....	72 Phillips.....
Lynde.....	55 Goodwin.....
Livendale.....	73 Leslie.....
Brake.....	75 Putnam.....
McKay.....	51 Moore.....

The pool results were:

Vincitia.	Apollo.
Davidson.....	73 Phillips.....
Langlois.....	72 Sherran.....
Brady.....	70 Huntington.....
Phillips.....	26 Goodwin.....
Carroll.....	75 Wilson.....
Note.....	43 Stratton.....

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Mrs. Geen leaves her husband, a daughter, Wilma Madine, and a son, Elmer Frank, also her stepfather, Myrdo Maclean, of Graniteville; three sisters, Mrs. Charles E. Frenier and Henrietta MacLean of Barre, and Mae Maclean, a daughter, Leslie Maclean, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Macleod, all of Graniteville.

The body is expected to arrive in Barre Sunday morning and the funeral will be held at the Presbyterian church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

FINLAND ASKED GERMAN AID

State Department at Hears That Soldiers Were Sent on Request

SWEDEN TESTED LAND ON ALANDS

Germany Now Begins New Scheme to Get Japanese Assistance

Washington, D. C., April 13.—A message to the state department to-day from Stockholm reported that the Finnish official news bureau had given out a statement declaring that all the German troops landed in Finland had been sent at the request of the Finnish government. When the Germans landed on the Aland island, Sweden protested.

GERMAN-FINN PLAN TO FORM ALLIANCE

Proposal Is to Make New War on Russia If Germany Wins on the Western Front—Japanese to Get Siberia.

London, April 13.—Germany has agreed to the establishment of greater Finland, including the Petrograd-Murmur railway to the Arctic, according to Swedish press reports forwarded in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen. "If Germany wins on the western front," the dispatch says, "she will begin a new war on Russia, co-operating with the Finns. 'Japan,' it is added, 'will receive Siberia if she joins in a German-Finnish alliance.'"

NUISSE IN JAIL.

German-Born Painter Returned to Barre Recently.

Luitpold Nuisse is in jail. The German-born painter whose domicile was in Barre for nearly a year before he disappeared, was arrested in Montpelier last night by Deputy U. S. Marshal George F. Lackey on a complaint made in the office of the adjutant general. The federal authorities have not indicated the charge preferred against Nuisse, but he is to remain in the Washington county jail until his exact status is determined, it is said.

Nuisse registered in Barre last June, and continued his residence here for some months after that. The painter was a conversationalist and a friend of Carl Low, another German painter, whose mouthings finally led to his internment. Nuisse, along with hundreds of other registrants in Washington county, was mailed a questionnaire late in 1917. He did not return it, and in consequence the story of his whereabouts in Canada, where he had been, was not known. Thereupon they instituted a hunt that was not altogether successful. His name was posted as one of the men who had attempted to evade the draft, and by the county board he was rated as a deserter.

In the interim while stories concerning Nuisse were current in Barre. One report had him stationed before a firing squad in Canada, where, it was said, he had been convicted as a spy. Nuisse did not depart from Barre without leaving friends here and in continuing the story of his adventures in Canada, they came forward with the statement that he was still in the United States. Interest in Nuisse and the stories about him began to wane, and then one day the painter turned up in Barre. A local hardware concern, upon learning of his return, here and in continuing the story of his adventures in Canada, they came forward with the statement that he was still in the United States. Interest in Nuisse and the stories about him began to wane, and then one day the painter turned up in Barre. A local hardware concern, upon learning of his return, here and in continuing the story of his adventures in Canada, they came forward with the statement that he was still in the United States. Interest in Nuisse and the stories about him began to wane, and then one day the painter turned up in Barre. A local hardware concern, upon learning of his return, here and in continuing the story of his adventures in Canada, they came forward with the statement that he was still in the United States.

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To-day members of the county board were quoted as saying that they were anxious to have Nuisse, since his departure from Barre, and that he intended to remain on his brother's farm in Berlin for a time.

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